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Dear Sir:

This is a correction to the Appeal Brief filed March 29, 2011. The Notification of Non-Compliant Brief notes that a new brief was not required, only the heading of the brief and the correction to the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter. The correction is shown herein.

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SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The claims at issue concern a separating layer carrier comprising a laminar substrate and a separating layer applied thereon. See, e.g., Page 4 of the official translation as filed. The carrier comprises a relief structure with raised sections forming substantially complementary channels in a layer of adhesive, through which air trapped during adhesion can escape. See, e.g., Page 4 of the official translation as filed. The relief structure is provided, at least in part, by an imprint of a printing material in a pattern on the substrate and the raised sections of the relief structure comprise the printing material. See, e.g., Page 5 of the official translation as filed, and Figures 1-4.

In some embodiments, the substrate comprises paper. See, e.g., Page 5 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, the substrate comprises coated paper. See, e.g., Page 5 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, the substrate comprises paper coated with plastic. See, e.g., Page 6 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, the substrate comprises plastic film. See, e.g., Page 6 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, the substrate comprises plastic film coated with plastic. See, e.g., Page 6 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, the separating layer is imprinted on the substrate with the relief structure covering the entire surface. See, e.g., Page 6 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, the relief structure is a regular polygonal structure comprising polygons having between four and eight corners. See, e.g., Page 7 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, the relief structure is an irregular polygonal structure comprising stochastically shaped and distributed corner-joined polygons having between four and seven corners. See, e.g., Page 7 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, the relief structure comprises sections having a width of from 50 μm to 200 μm and a height of from 5 μm to 40 μm . See, e.g., Pages 6-7 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, each polygon covers an area of from 0.5 mm² to 3 mm². See, e.g., Page 7 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, a self-adhesive material is added to the carrier. See, e.g., Page 4 of the official translation as filed and Figures 1-3.

In some embodiments, the relief structure is a rhombus or regular hexagon. See, e.g., Page 7 of the official translation as filed.

In some embodiments, the printing material comprises printing inks modified with silicone. See, e.g., Pages 5 and 6 of the official translation as filed.

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